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● Every Canadian wants this war over—and the sooner the better. Every Canadian wants to see the fight taken to the enemy's very door; to see war wiped off the map of the world forever.

It's good, ordinary horse sense that this won't be accomplished until *everyone* on the home front does his full part.

Canadian soldiers are fighting with courage and self-sacrifice, but this alone will not win the war. War demands the support of us at home.



## BUY VICTORY BONDS

—THE WESTERN FARM LEADER

(This is the ninth in a series of excerpts from the diary of Corporal Catherine Goldsmith, C.W.A.C.)

### Quarantine!

One Sunday morning—historical day—I had to get up early to go to work. I remember shivering into my clothes in the cold grey dawn while my dorm-mates slumbered on. It was a particularly cold morning and I was feeling sorry for myself. I caught the bus home after a morning's work, feeling very noble. The bus was a bit late so I dashed through the hall and started madly up the stairs, not wanting to miss the excitement of the scramble for Sunday dinner. But I didn't get far. People started tearing after me, clawing and clutching at my coat tails and my muffler and any other article they could get hold of. After forty people had finally stopped screaming, I discovered that some inconsiderate girl in Dorm 11 had got the mumps, and everyone who was unlucky enough to be in there was quarantined.

At first I thought I was the luckiest girl in the world. I went up the stairs and smiled through the door at the wrathful inmates of Dorm 11. They were furious. But as the day wore on I didn't feel so happy. I had no bed, I had no soap or towel or toothbrush, no clothes or writing paper to write letters. All I had was a print dress I used for doing my washing, an extra shirt and a housecoat which were hanging in the Grand Central cupboard in the hall. I felt like a little orphan.

When night came I was issued with another set of blankets, another top bunk and a towel. I moved into Dorm 9, with "Willie and Greenie".

Greenie and I were kept busy for a week breaking dates, posting letters and buying stuff for the "prisoners" of Dorm 11. In the evenings we would go back to work as the pay office was indeed short staffed.

### Just One of Everything

I slept in my house dress and washed my underwear every night and

wore them unironed. Like "Peep" of my guppyhood days, I had only one of everything.

But the gang in Dorm 11 were mad. I learned all about their troubles later. How they borrowed a radio and how "Sinkie" loved cowboy songs, but "Tool" didn't. How Sink embroidered nearly a whole tea-cloth which I had seen hanging around in an untouched state for weeks. If the quarantine had lasted another day the tea cloth would have been finished. (It isn't yet.)

Finally the ordeal was over—and I was back in my own little bunk in Dorm 11, wallowing in underwear and three pairs of stockings and six handkerchiefs, and sleeping in pyjamas.

### We Get a Shock—and C.B.

One night, a few weeks later, we trudged home, expecting a warm welcome and a hot supper. But we were met by cold glares and sneers. Up in our room we found our bunks all pulled out into the middle of the floor. I looked behind my bunk and shuddered with humiliation and shame. There were two huge hunks of fluff all of an inch long and about a half an inch in diameter. Two pieces under ONE bed. But that wasn't all. There was a film of dust in the corner under the radiator at the head of our bunk and you could see where the broom had missed it that morning. "Dorm 11," said the Sergeant-Major, "was SO dirty that I could have SHOVELLED the dirt out of the corners. I have NEVER seen such a place in my life."

The consequences were that we were C.B.'d for a week. We scrubbed the place; we polished and dusted and

shined and shook things until it was so clean it wasn't healthy. Oh, we got a few notes every day like: "Do not keep dusters in dresser drawers." Where we were supposed to keep them I never knew, but I had torn up a fairly good slip in a fit of patriotism and I'd be darned if I wanted to lose that duster even if I had to carry it around in my satchel.

### Things I'll Remember

I'll never forget rushing home from work every night, dodging through the crowds on Eighth Avenue and thinking: This reminds me of New York—even though I've never been to New York. I'll never forget the good doughnuts Sinkie and Greenie and I bought on our way home (three for a nickel) and would munch going up the hill.

And I'll never forget Skinner Hill. It is three blocks long, on a 45 degree angle most of the day, but at night, when we'd struggle home from work, it would rear up and tower above us at about a 90 degree angle. And how we cursed every empty car that whizzed past us with the driver sitting so comfortably.

I'll always remember Anne, the Cook's, good cinnamon buns and butterscotch-raisin pie and with those thoughts we'd keep plugging up the hill. We'd plunk, plunk, plunk up the veranda steps and ring the doorbell and through the dining room window we'd watch the lucky ones devouring their supper while we waited for someone to come and unlatch the door. We'd snatch any letters from the mail box before hurling our coats into the living room and making a

dash for the dining room.

Sometime during the meal someone would think to ask: "Were there any notes?" As I mentioned before these "notes" would be left by one of the Corporals or Sergeants during room inspection. They would read: "Floors dusty," "Furniture dusty," "Underwear left on radiator", or simply but dramatically, "Drawers".

I'll always remember how the kids used to rag Curt and me for being "old maids". And all the advice they gave us and how they plotted to get us a husband—but darn it, they never did!

I'll always remember Anne, who petted us and mothered us and kept our meals warm and let us make toast and drink milk in the kitchen on winter evenings.

(To be continued)

## Farm Mutual Completes Its Best Year

(Co-op. League News Service)

St. Paul, Minn.—In 1943, American Farmers Mutual completed its most successful year, and members got the lowest rates in the twenty-five years of the company's operations. Assets gained \$137,000 to reach a total of \$566,098.

According to a list compiled some time ago, almost 1,800 Roman Catholic priests have been direct victims of Nazi persecution, states the Czechoslovak press bureau in New York; 483 were in Nazi prisons or concentration camps, 300 under some form of police restriction, and more than 1,000 expelled from their parishes or positions.

Bred and owned by H.H. Longeway of Calgary, the Jersey cow Roskyview Signalman Katy was recently awarded a silver medal certificate by the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club, having completed a 305-day test with production of 8,683 pounds of milk averaging 5.31 per cent butterfat.

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## QUESTION OF CATTLE EXPORTS TO U.S. REVIEWED

### U.F.A. Membership March 31 Greatly Expanded

#### OBJECTION BY U.S. FARMERS STATED ACTUAL BARRIER

Ottawa Stresses This as Factor—  
Congestion Problem Not  
Now So Serious

#### WHEAT BOARD STATISTICS

Figures Presented in House—  
Much More Steel for Implement  
Manufacturers

By M. McDUGALL  
(Special to The Western Farm Leader)

OTTAWA, April 5th.—The real barrier to the opening of the American border to cattle exports from this country, it is stated quite definitely here, is the quite strong feeling against it which exists in the United States.

It rests on the situation which arose when with a surplus of beef cattle in this country we were shipping some of this across the border at the same time that American farmers were supplying cattle to Britain under lend-lease arrangements.

#### U.S. Farmers Objected

The farmers in the U.S. objected to cattle from Canada filling the void caused by lend-lease cattle going abroad. When this was explained to the British, they agreed at once to accept our surplus cattle direct. The situation now existing is that the control agreement continues with the U.S., and Canadian cattle will continue to go in frozen form to Britain, which will take any surplus we have.

There was a short time ago the additional barrier of the congestion in transport which existed in the U.S. as it did in Canada. That factor is not so serious now.

At the same time it is recognized that the Canadian cattle trade suffers from the difficulty of deciding how ceiling and floor prices based on dressed meat can be translated fairly into the prices of different grades of cattle on the hoof.

#### Floor or Ceiling Prices?

Towards the close of discussions in Parliament before the start of the Easter recess some members representing farming constituencies made the claim that the Government when buying meat for the armed forces and for export have been paying floor prices and that the meat board has not been living up to the understanding that it should buy freely when prices have declined to within 1/4 cent of the floor prices. These members felt that the Government should buy at ceiling, not floor prices. This point will be discussed further when Parliament reassembles. Mr. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, was not in the House to throw light on the Government's attitude to this demand.

Reports here show that Alberta cattle are moving much more freely

#### British Secret Weapon in Action



Britain's rocket and anti-aircraft projectors, known as the "Z" guns, and the rockets they fire, were on the secret list until March of this year, although they were in use at least as early as 1941, and have played a great part in Britain's defence against aerial assault. Here's a battery of "Z" guns seen in action. Their projectiles burst with a tremendous roar and flash.

now. The congestion in livestock everywhere is gradually disappearing, although the marketings of hogs as well as cattle continue on a high level. What has to be borne in mind is that in such a heavy flow any block in transport, even if only for a short time, causes considerable congestion. If ships are not available to carry stocks that have been delivered to ports, the delay is felt back through practically the entire transport system, and as everybody knows sea transport is now under a very heavy strain.

#### Wheat Board Figures

Figures on the amount of wheat that has been handled by the Wheat Board in the last few years are interesting, although unfortunately the figures for the fiscal year ended on March 31, 1944, are not yet available. For the fiscal year 1940-41 the amount of wheat purchased by the Board from producers was 395,355,522 bushels and for the following two fiscal years was 99,540,491 and 167,506,531 respectively. The unsold stocks of wheat carried by the Board at the end of these years, beginning with 1940-41, were 353,611,932; 185,074,723 and 205,717,958. For the same three years in the same order, the amounts of wheat sold otherwise than through the Wheat Board were according to a rough calculation 61,000,000; 127,000,000 and 105,000,000 bushels.

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#### BELIEVE MISSION TO OTTAWA WILL BRING BENEFITS

What Committee Representing Livestock Men's Mass Meeting Urged at Ottawa

#### PICTURE IMPROVES

Authorities' Decisions Not Indicated in Report—May See Beneficial Policy Changes

By E. W. BRUNSDEN,  
Secretary, Alberta Federation of  
Agriculture

A committee of three persons representing a mass meeting of ranchers, live stock feeders and farmer-livestock producers, held in Lethbridge, March 15th, have returned to the Province from Ottawa where they interviewed the Minister of Agriculture, officers of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, and the management of the Canadian Meat Board.

There were between three and four hundred in attendance at the Lethbridge gathering; during it, the decision was made to send a delegation to the East in order that the then prevailing conditions in live stock marketing, and the views of those participating in the March 15th meeting, might be forcibly laid before those in authority.

The committee consisted of Eugene Burton, Medicine Hat; R. H. Dahl, Raymond, and A. B. Haarstad, Bentley.

#### The Case Presented

The case these three men prosecuted in behalf of Alberta's livestock men may be summarized as follows:

(a) Either the Wartime Food Corporation undertake its responsibilities as set forth in the autumn of 1942 and protect cattle producers by the purchase of cattle when the prices of same are, as at present, below the levels established by the floor for dressed beef, or

The American market for Canadian cattle be reopened.

(b) That action be taken to ensure that Federal purchases of dressed lamb for export, made on account of depressed live lamb prices, be reflected in the prices paid for live lambs.

(c) That cattle, sheep and live lamb prices be established in relationship with the dressed carcass prices, and widely publicized, in order that victimization of producers selling live animals be prevented.

While the report made public by the members of the committee on their return does not indicate that any decisions were made by the authorities, while they were in Ottawa, that in themselves corrected or will correct the marketing situation concerning which producers complained, there has been relatively heavy buying of beef cattle and lambs during the past week, and the over-all marketing picture, insofar as

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#### MEMBERSHIP FOR THREE '44 MONTHS NEARLY TREBLED

U.F.A. membership at the end of March was nearly three times as great as at the same date in 1943, Robert Gardiner, president, announced to The Western Farm Leader this week. Not only so, but it is much larger than it has been at this date, for many years. Mr. Gardiner states that the new family membership plan is proving very popular.

The increase Mr. Gardiner attributed to growing recognition by the farmers of the necessity for organization; while there is improvement in their present economic position, they are thinking of the problems that may arise after the war.

To be in a position to make their best and most effective contribution to the reconstruction of the economic life of Canada, at the close of the war, Mr. Gardiner continued, farmers must be well organized; and he urged that any Locals which have not yet canvassed their districts for memberships, should do so before spring work starts.

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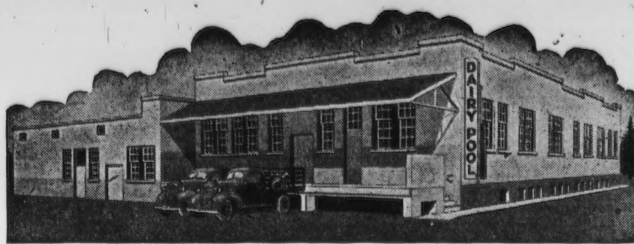
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## SOUTHERN ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION



### Thoughts on the Rochdale Centennial

By WILLIAM BURNS, President

One hundred years ago a seed was planted by a small but determined band of men in England who believed that they themselves could do something towards making the low wages they received as weavers go further in purchasing their daily requirements.

#### Seed of Great Movement

At Rochdale these brave men planted the seed of the Co-operative movement, which has continued to grow and spread in spite of all obstacles and the jeers levelled at the movement. History has demonstrated that the Rochdale Pioneers had the right idea.

Today the co-operative movement is a force to be reckoned with. In 1939, the International Co-operative Alliance had a membership of over 100,000,000 in forty different countries, and the co-operatives were making sales annually at the rate of \$15,000,000,000.

#### A Specific Transaction

These figures, though very inspiring, do not give a very clear picture to the average person regarding the accomplishments of the co-operative movement. Let me illustrate by a specific transaction. In the year 1938 the British Co-operative Wholesale Society purchased from a Farmers' Co-operative in Oklahoma 2,000,000 bushels of wheat. The Wholesale Co-operative financed the transportation of the wheat from Oklahoma across the Atlantic Ocean, put the wheat through all the necessary processes in modern merchandising, such as milling the wheat in its own mills, distributing the flour in its own bakeries, baking the bread, and selling it through its retail co-operative societies, and it could still sell the bread from that transaction cheaper than bread was being sold in Oklahoma from wheat grown in the district.

The Co-operative idea continues to grow, and some of its forms are now international in scope. As an example, there was before the war in the city of Glasgow, Scotland, a testimonial to international co-operative enterprise in the form of a plant which turns out electric light bulbs for the members of the Scottish and Swedish co-operatives.

Further testimonial to the power of co-operation is to be found in the co-operation practised by the United Nations in their war efforts.

#### Our Producer Co-operatives

Since the days of the Rochdale Pioneers whose idea was to get their requirements more cheaply, other forms of co-operation have been developed. We in Western Canada are more interested at present in producer co-operatives, and are being served very faithfully by the various producer co-operatives such as the Dairy Pools, the Egg and Poultry Marketing Board, Live Stock, Seed Growers and Wheat Pools, all of which are actively interested in doing the same for their members as the Rochdale Pioneers, namely trying to make the economic conditions more bearable for their producer members.

#### How Swedes Surmounted Crisis

It would be very nice if the road of co-operatives had always been one of steady progress. I am going to give you some interesting figures relative to one of the world's outstanding successful co-operatives of today, the Swedish Co-operative Movement. In the year 1913 the capital was 35 kroner and the debt was 32 kroner per member. In the year 1919 the Swedish Co-operatives reached a crisis. Their debt for goods per member had increased until it exceeded their capital per member, namely member's capital 72 kroners, debt per member had reached 80 kroner per member. That year the crisis was faced and a great decision made, that co-operative associations and members should all pay spot cash for their purchases. Since that day the Swedish Co-operative has never looked back.

#### Path Charted by S.A.D.P.

There is a moral in the story about the Swedish Co-operative which in a smaller way has been the path charted by the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool. We started off very well in 1928 and grew steadily for a few years, then for some reason the co-operative ideas in the territory served by the S.A.D.P. seemed to lose ground and volume of butterfat shipped to our plant dropped off until about 1936, which was our year of lowest production, since when

### Pool Increases Butter Manufacture by 12.6% In Last Financial Year

During the financial year which ended January 31st, 1944, butter manufactured by the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool showed an increase of 12.6 per cent as compared with the previous twelve-month period. Similarly satisfactory progress was made in other departments.

This gratifying information is contained in the audited Annual Statement for the last financial year which was presented to the Board of Directors of the Pool at their regular meeting in Calgary on March 23rd.

Subsequent to the meeting it was announced that the Annual Convention of the Pool will be held in Calgary on Thursday, June 22nd. The regular election of delegates for this meeting will take place in the near future, through the mailing of ballots to all shippers.

We have made a gradual come-back.

Butter is a vital necessity in this war. Help your own organization to make its contribution to the war effort by supplying a greater volume of butter fat to your plants than ever before. Remember that the greater the volume the less the unit costs. To those who live in the territory served by our creameries at Acme and Calgary, we say, if you have not used the co-operative service available do so now, and show that you appreciate the efforts made to win the war by the United Nations by co-operating on the home front with your fellow farmers as the soldiers of the United Nations are doing on the war fronts.

### Guest Contributions Greatly Appreciated

Two letters expressing high appreciation of the guest contributions, received since the last issue went to press, are printed below. Mr. Brinkman is a well known member of the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool of long standing. Mr. Brown, who today serves as a member of the Legislative Assembly, is a pioneer of the Pool movement and an S.A.D.P. delegate.

Acme, Alta.

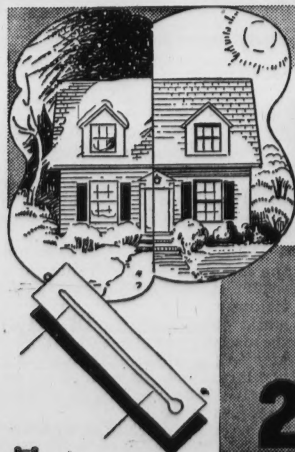
"It is gratifying to know that The Western Farm Leader finds its way into the home of every cream producer who ships cream to the S.A.D.P. I would like to compliment you on the articles written by 'guest contributors' which contain so much valuable information on the many subjects related to farm production. These articles, written by those well qualified to make a contribution in this way, will be greatly appreciated by all those engaged in agriculture."

—E. M. Brown, M.L.A.

Craigville, Alta.

"I have been pleased to see the Southern Dairy Pool supplying such good material from various writers well above the average. It helps us when we know and can feel that city dwellers see the need of co-operative endeavors as plainly as we who are more directly concerned; we feel less as if we were fighting alone. I hope the practice of using the thoughts of such writers will continue, it will help in at least a small degree to make us feel we are not alone, and that the town and country are at least not necessarily antagonists in this matter of co-operative endeavors."

—A. H. Brinkman.



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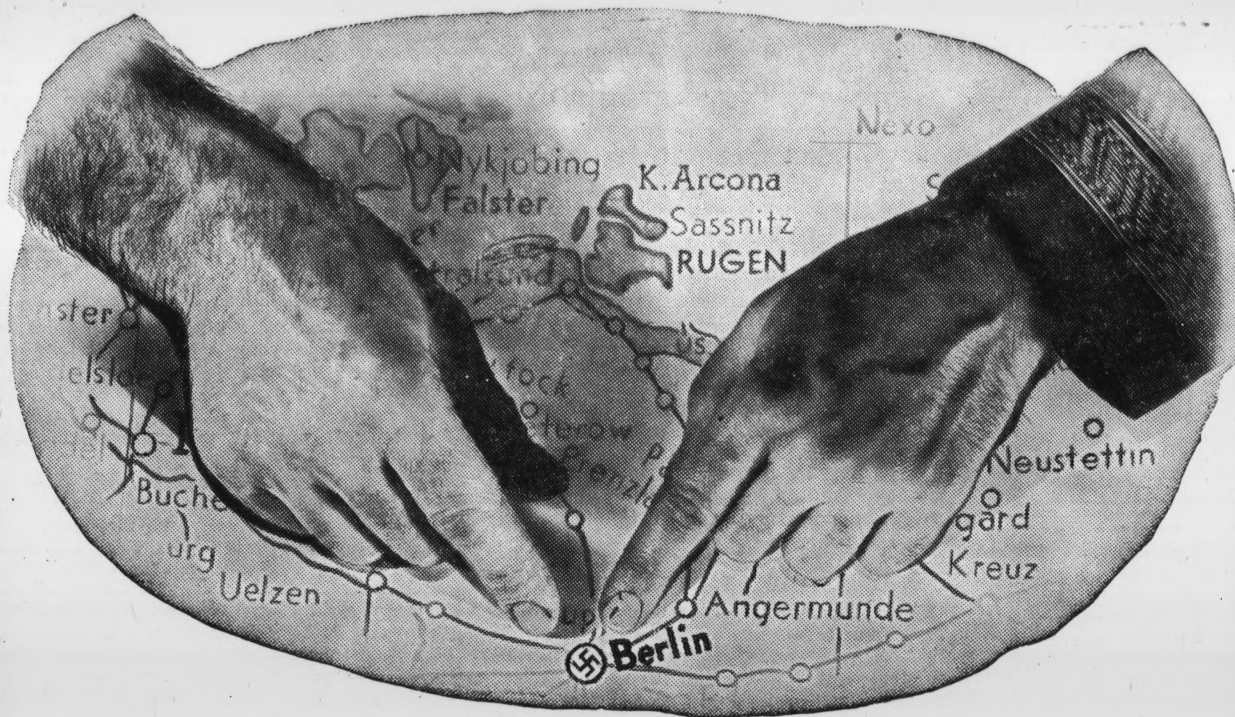
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We in Canada must support and strengthen this attack with all our effort. This one purpose must command our work, our minds and our hearts.



We must not permit any scramble for private gain or individual selfish ends, to distract us from our main task. If we concentrate on seeking,

individually or jointly, higher prices, higher pay or higher profits, we shall be diverting our attention from the main task at this critical time. We shall also endanger the stability of prices which we in Canada have achieved after great difficulties—a stability that is essential to efficiency and fairness in war, and to peacetime prosperity afterward.



Our young men are fighting for a Canada and a world in which all men can have faith, hope and security. Each of them wants to come back to a job—or a farm—with a future. We at home must keep secure for them a strong and stable foundation on which alone a post-war period of promise and achievement can be built.



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## NOTABLE GROWTH

During the first three months of 1944, nearly three times as many farm people joined the United Farmers of Alberta as had joined during the corresponding period of 1943.

This important announcement is made by Robert Gardiner, President of the Association, elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Gardiner also states that the membership at this time is very much greater than it has been, in any recent years, at the end of the first three months.

These are gratifying figures. They indicate an awakening of the farm people to the need for strong primary organization, in preparation for the difficult days that lie ahead.

We have no doubt also, that they reflect in some degree the popularity of the new family membership plan.

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## RIGHT KIND OF REGIMENTATION

To what extent will or should war-time controls and "regimentation" be continued in the post-war world? That is already a subject of controversial discussion, which is certain to become more and more acute as the time for post-war readjustment approaches.

We think it will be generally agreed that there are some controls that will have to go when the war ends. What principles shall be applied in determining which shall go and which shall be retained? That is a subject worthy of discussion in all of the democratic countries of the world.

There is one war-time innovation in control, however, adopted on the initiative of Lord Woolton and the Food Ministry, that we think the British people will never want to give up; and that some other peoples, if they study their own true interests, may wish to adopt. It is the control of the country's distribution of certain essential foods, in such a manner as to ensure that the needs of children, even the children of the poorest parents in the land, shall be met—and met as national priorities.

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How great the gain of the children of Britain has been under the war-time controls was described by George V. Ferguson, Executive Editor of the *Winnipeg Free Press*, in the course of an interview, shortly after his return to Canada from a visit overseas.

"Britain's carefully planned nutritional program", read a report of the interview, "has resulted in a big improvement in the health of the children. For the first time in history the children in England are getting sufficient protective foods such as milk and orange juice."

Mr. Ferguson added:

"I never saw such a blooming lot of youngsters in my life. That goes for the little fellows in the East end of London and everybody else. The present generation of English children are not going to have rickets. They are going to be better physical specimens than their fathers."

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We find it impossible to believe that British parents, having seen their children growing up as "better physical specimens than their fathers," will tolerate a return to uncontrolled conditions, which resulted in widespread malnutrition, especially among the children of the poorest.

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Many years ago, speaking we believe in Manchester, England, Bernard Shaw suggested that

## AIRMEN

*When peace is won, shall we call them in from the skies,  
And anchor their ships in deserts of steel and stone?  
Shall we dim the light that shines in their questing eyes,  
And mould them to earthbound ruts we have made  
our own?*

*With tools of trade shall we fill their reluctant hands,  
Or prison their roving minds in office or store,  
And bid them forget the lure of the strange far lands,  
Beyond the oceans of space they would fain explore?*

*Nay! If they will, let them fly to the ends of the earth,  
O'er jungle and prairie and mountain and shimmering sea.*

*Their souls are tuned to the elements' anger and mirth—  
They are dauntless heralds of days that will surely be  
When wings have covered the far-flung nations as one,  
And wars and rumors of wars are over and done.*

—ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

every child of the slums should be taken in hand by the authorities and "forcibly fed and fattened" in the interest of the nation itself. His proposal was perhaps regarded by many who heard it as a Shavian joke. Today, in Britain, the machinery of the state is used for the enforcement in principle of Mr. Shaw's plan.

And we are inclined to think that as the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration gets into its stride, it will make the provision of protective foods for all children in the lands redeemed from the enemy, one of its primary concerns.

Perhaps, also, the children's nutritional "priorities", once they have been established in continental Europe as a condition of postwar rehabilitation, may not readily be surrendered.

It is even possible that planning for the establishment of such priorities on a world-wide scale, bringing into play the initiative of the most backward as well as of the more advanced peoples of the world, might provide one of the soundest forms of insurance against future wars.

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## TRIBUTE TO C.F.A.

Speaking of his recent visit to Canada, at a meeting of the Guild of Agriculturists in London recently, Lord de la Warr (a very practical farmer whom many Albertans had the pleasure of hearing at the U.F.A. Convention in January) paid this tribute to the Canadian Federation of Agriculture:

"For an Englishman, I was allowed what I felt to be the very great privilege of attending the annual conference of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture at Quebec. It was an impressive experience, both the public meetings and the private conferences I had with the great pools. The overwhelming determination was, as with us, at all costs not to drift back through lack of defined policy to pre-war instability of raw material and food prices. That way lies destruction.

"They do not want these agreements to achieve stability by restriction. They realize that the problem is not one of over production, but of under consumption. The Hot Springs Conference is therefore very much in the forefront of their minds. . . . But whether consumption is high or low, both production and marketing will need to be organized."

Lord de la Warr urged the British Government to give a lead in the direction of "world food policy, world economic planning for stability," declaring that "while the problems are colossal, the alternative is return to pre-war conditions" of insecurity.



## This Is the Spirit of Co-operation

Two fine new buildings—a church and a community hall—testify eloquently to the community spirit of the people of Fleet and Fleet district, and suggest the enormous possibilities of co-operative effort anywhere. This particular effort, and its success, are well reported below in the words of W. F. Grafton of Camrose, and we are glad to present this report to our readers:

### The People of Fleet

While we have been suffering the intense tragedy of the past few years, some of us are still able to rise well above it and carry on the finer things of life—and such are the people of Fleet. The youth of Fleet are taking their active part in the forces in many parts of the Empire. The community are substantially supporting the cause through Victory Bonds, subscriptions and service to the Red Cross and other similar organizations; and yet they have found time for other things.

Two years ago the older people said, "We must build a church." The younger group said, "We must build a

community hall." Then all got together and said, "We will build both."

### Campaign Starts With "Chins Up"

Meetings were held, committees formed, and with chins up the campaign started. The proverbial plank in every kitchen floor was raised, the old sock brought forth, and shekels rolled into the fund. The 'teen-agers asked if they could have the floor in the hall if they paid for it, and on being told they could, dug up \$260 for hardwood.

Necessary funds being raised, two unused buildings were bought, and volunteer labor commenced on the basements. One hundred men poured the cement for the basement for the community hall in one day, and their

wives and sweethearts served hot meals in the railway freight sheds.

### What Was Accomplished

Before the two years were over a very fine United Church and community hall were erected and all paid for. The church is 24 by 44 feet, with full concrete basement, central heating, pews, piano, electric lights. The modern hall is 30 by 60 feet; the basement, with 10-foot ceiling, will be suitable for banquets. There is a well appointed kitchen, and rest rooms. In the main hall the well sanded and finished hardwood floor and the well equipped stage will enable the community to enjoy dances, concerts, theatricals.

Space prohibits further detail and individuals cannot be singled out for special effort; but the accomplishment of this project will be a very lasting memorial to the eternal Christian spirit of a community of people who do not recognize adversity or defeat, but who bring faith to life, carrying on with "chins up!"

### Mrs. Jackson on C.B.C.

One of the series of broadcasts for women entitled "Winning the Peace" will be given by Mrs. Isa Grindlay Jackson over the C.B.C. national network on Friday, April 14th, at 2:18 p.m., MDT.

The first 10F coupons in No. 3 ration books are to be used for the purchase of sugar for home canning.

Coupons marked "T" in the new ration books are for both tea and coffee, and do not indicate lifting of the coffee ration, state officials of the W.P.T.B.

Free maternity care legislation became effective in Alberta April 1st. It provides up to 12 days' care in hospital or approved nursing home for women who have lived in the Province for 12 consecutive months of the past 24.

## Ask Enlarged Survey Into Bubonic Plague Infection in Gophers

Commending the Alberta Department of Health on its action in carrying out an investigation into the occurrence of Sylvatic (Bubonic) plague infection in gophers and gopher fleas in certain areas, the U.F.A. and U.P.W.A. Executives at a joint meeting in Calgary recently, asked the Department to enlarge its survey facilities and maintain the survey on a full-time basis, so that the plague menace can be investigated in detail.

The Department was also requested to spread information among persons resident within the known plague area, to bring home to them the danger of the plague to public health, and to outline the steps that such persons may take to protect themselves against the infection.

This action was taken by way of endorsement of a resolution adopted by the Hanna U.F.A. Local, in which the above requests were made. The Hanna resolution indicated that the Departmental investigation had found the plague infection in gophers and gopher fleas on an area of approximately 2,000 square miles, involving all of the land bounded as follows: on the north by township 33, on the east by range 8, on the south by township 25, and on the west by range 16. It was also pointed out that there is grave danger that this infection may be transmitted to residents of the area.

### Executive Action Approved

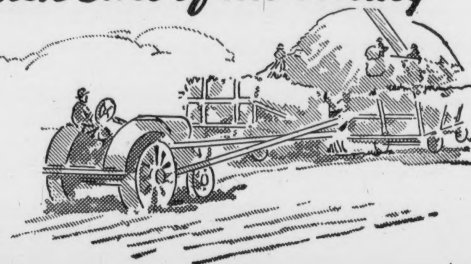
Approval of the action of the U.F.A. Executive in requesting the Canadian Wheat Board to make payments on wheat on the basis of Wheat Board records rather than on participation certificates, was expressed in a resolution received from the Hanna Local.

Appreciation of the efforts of members of the U.F.A. in obtaining farm labor for work in the lumber camps, was expressed in a letter from the Alberta Forest Products Association.

Rudolph Hennig and Mrs. Winifred Ross, who had been appointed a committee to present resolutions passed by the Annual Convention to the Alberta Government, reported that they had met Premier Manning and other members of the Cabinet, from whom they had received a very sympathetic hearing.

Mrs. Ross (President of the U.F.A.), and Eugene O'Neil (U.F.A. Vice-President), were appointed U.F.A. Executive representatives on the Senior Committee on Young People's Work. Mrs. Harris is the U.P.W.A. representative on the Committee.

## The Government Has Taken Care of the Ceiling-



## But What About The Walls and Roof!

With hungry millions waiting for our grain, none of Canada's crop should be allowed to deteriorate for lack of proper storage facilities.

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# Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section

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## Warble Fly Control Will Increase Your Returns

In recent years we have called the attention of our shippers every year in the spring to the very great importance of carrying on the fight against the warble fly, which is one of the greatest enemies of our cattle. May we remind you again at this time of the importance of taking necessary action.

The Dominion Department of Agriculture, co-operating with our Provincial Department of Agriculture in Alberta, has issued a brief warning to all owners of cattle, together with advice as to the steps to be taken. Under the headings "What to Use" and "When to Use It", they advise the purchase of any commercial warble fly wash, and urge farmers to TREAT FIRST IN EARLY SPRING WHEN THE GRUBS START TO DROP.

Directions for use are given on the package. Application should be made with a stiff brush or fingers. Do not forget to rub in well. As to the obtaining of the materials, you are advised to consult your nearest district agriculturist or municipal authority.

The cost per animal, it is stated, should not exceed 2 cents; while the savings in beef, milk and hides may

average as much as \$5 per animal.

Canada, it is pointed out, needs more milk and milk products, more beef, and more leather without grub holes, and you can use More Money.

### Plant Trees Early is Advice of Forestry Station

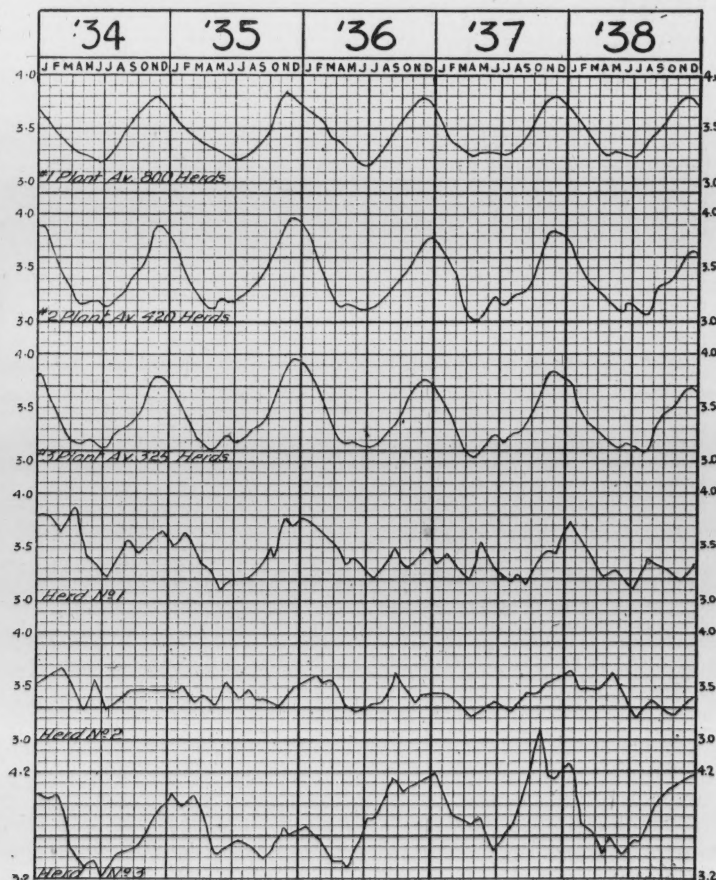
Early planting of trees gives root systems the margin of advantage that may mean all the difference between success and failure. W. L. Kerr, of the Dominion Forestry Station at Saskatoon, says that with hardy types of trees and shrubs, in a dormant condition, spring frosts need not be a consideration when planting; good results may be expected by planting trees as soon as the frost is out of the ground sufficiently to permit of digging the holes.

## Seasonal Variation in Butterfat

We notice in looking over our files, that in 1941, we received a copy of six charts through the courtesy of the Ontario Milk Producer, the publicity organ for the Ontario Milk Producers' Association, the Ontario Concentrated Milk Producers' Association and the Milk Producers to Cheese Factories, all in Ontario.

These six charts were grouped into one and published in the Ontario Milk Producer, to show their members the results of extensive tests covering the variations that usually exist in the average butterfat test of milk from the average herd. It is spring time again and it is the time when the biggest variations set in and accordingly, we are reproducing these charts, at the courtesy of our farmer friends in Ontario:

### AVERAGE MONTHLY TEST FOR 5 YEARS



Many producers possibly don't know that there is such a wide seasonal variation in butterfat tests and the graph shown above indicates the actual variations that will occur in the average herd. You will notice that in all cases the test begins to drop generally speaking, shortly after the turn of the year and hits a low point in June or July and then commences to rise. You will also notice that the variations from one month to another is quite marked, both in a decline in the test and later on in the year, in the increase.

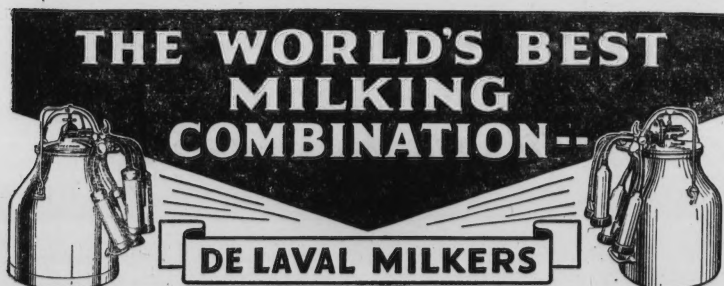
The small letters near the top of the chart, indicate the months of the year and each of the years, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937 and 1938. In other words this chart gives the average monthly test throughout the five years, for the milk received at three plants in Ontario and then the three bottom charts

are the average test of three individual herds, which are representative of all herds.

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4. Use of the Strip Cup—Next, using a full hand squeeze, draw a few streams of

milk from each quarter into strip cup. Inspect for abnormal milk; if present, milk cow last. (Steps 3 and 4 induce rapid let-down of the milk.)

5. Apply teat-cups immediately after using Strip Cup. Hold and apply teat-cups properly so that no vacuum is lost and least amount of air is admitted.

6. Teat-cups should be removed from cow at end of 3 to 4 minutes. Hand stripping should be employed chiefly for purposes of inspection, and should consist of only a few full hand squeezes from each quarter. Do not prolong hand stripping. Machine stripping can be done just before removing teat-cups by massaging each quarter briefly.

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## CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION

## University President's Report of Interest to All Farmers

That much discussed subject, the possible use of wheat as an extensive source of industrial alcohol and certain by-products, is dealt with by Dr. Robert Newton, M.C., President of the University of Alberta, in a recently issued pamphlet entitled "Chemurgy in Relation to Alberta Agriculture."

The pamphlet is published under the authority of the Alberta Post-War Reconstruction Committee, of which Hon. N. E. Tanner is chairman. Dr. Newton reports not only upon wheat but also upon the possibility of obtaining new industrial outlets for other farm products.

Because of the widespread interest of the whole farm community in these matters, we print some of his conclusions below. "Chemurgy" has been defined as "the processing of agricultural products by chemical methods in order to increase the range of their industrial uses and thereby widen market outlets."

#### Wheat Alcohol of High Cost

Conversion of wheat to industrial alcohol, which Dr. Newton described as "the classical example of chemurgy", presents, he states "no difficulty from a technical point of view," but such a process of conversion of wheat "has not yet been able to compete economically with alcohol from cheaper products, like molasses and sulphite liquor, the latter a waste product of paper making."

"Using wheat at 60 cents a bushel at the distillery, the cost of alcohol is approximately 45 cents a gallon. Using molasses at 9 cents a gallon, the cost of alcohol is about 35 cents. Using sulphite liquor available free, the cost of alcohol is about 22 cents."

"Against the high cost of alcohol from wheat must be set any revenue obtained from by-products. So far, the only by-product has been the distillers' grains, used for livestock feed. The wet grains have a significant value to feeders close to the plant, but this outlet is obviously very limited. Large-scale production would depress the price, and the cost of drying for preservation and shipping might absorb the entire profit."

"It has been argued that it is good policy to remove surpluses, whether of wheat or other farm products, from the ordinary market by converting them to other uses, even if such uses are not in themselves profitable. But no business can be built up on intermittent surpluses. To have any chance of success it must be assured of a reasonably constant supply of raw materials. A program for the rationalization

### Pool Final Payments Are Going Into Mail During Current Week

#### Surplus for Last Year, Excluding Eggs and Poultry, About \$88,000

Together with the yearly statements of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool, the final payments on butterfat for the year 1943, and on eggs up to May 31st, 1943, are going into the mail this week. Each final payment statement has attached a copy of the Directors' statement, and a memorandum by the Alberta Poultry Producers, Limited, on the final payments on live and dressed poultry and on dressed turkeys for the 1943 poultry years; and on eggs from June 1st, 1943, up to the end of the year.

These statements and memoranda are going to 8500 producer members this year.

The surplus of the C.A.D.P. on all operations, not including the eggs and live and dressed poultry, was about \$88,000.

of production should therefore go hand in hand with chemurgic research."

#### "More Hopeful Approach"

Dr. Newton believes that "a more hopeful approach to the wheat chemurgic problem is to find more valuable products which can be made from the various fractions of the wheat kernel."

(To be Concluded)

### Have You Written?

#### Dear Members and Friends:

In the last issue of *The Western Farm Leader* we issued an invitation to you to write a letter to us that you feel would be of interest and to enclose one or more snapshots as well, if possible.

In the past, as we stated, we have appreciated very much many such letters from members and friends of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool, telling us about themselves and their relationship with the Pool. Many of these letters have been of real interest and encouragement to other members, and we have been glad to publish them in our section of the paper.

Will you make an effort, before you get too busy this spring, to find time to write us, and if you can enclose snapshots of yourself, your family, your home, your garden, your livestock, so much the better?

Red Deer Office,  
Central Alberta Dairy Pool.

In aid of the Red Cross, the Holstein-Friesian association is raffling a purebred heifer calf; tickets, 25 cents each or five for \$1, can be obtained from any member.

As much 11-48 ammonium-phosphate will be available for distribution in the Prairie Provinces this year as was used in 1943, although this fertilizer chemical is in short supply; large shipments are being sent from Trail, B.C., to the United Kingdom where it is essential to the production of food for the armed forces and the civil population.

## THE WARTIME PRICES AND TRADE BOARD

## FARMERS' BULLETIN

### MAPLE SYRUP SALES

#### Order No. A-1125—Effective March 6, 1944.

Primary producers may now sell maple syrup direct to consumers at standard retail prices. Maximum prices per Imperial gallon for direct sales, in screw-top metal containers, f.o.b. nearest shipping point, are:

Ungraded syrup.....	\$2.40	Canada Medium Grade.....	\$2.90
Canada Dark Grade.....	\$2.65	Canada Light Grade.....	\$3.15

Price will be 25c. less if sold in bulk. If sold by grade, the grade must be clearly marked on container; otherwise price for ungraded syrup applies. Grading must be in accordance with the Maple Industry Act and the colourimeter approved by Federal Department of Agriculture.

A premium of 25c per gallon over the "Canada Light" price has been fixed for syrup grading "Fancy".

#### MAPLE SUGAR: Maximum selling prices per pound are:

Loose-packed in bags or other containers, commonly known as "farmer's run".....	.22c
1/2, 1, 2 or 4 lb. blocks.....	.35c
Maple wax (la tire), maple butter and maple cream.....	.35c

**COUPONS:** Until May 31 one "D" preserves coupon covers purchase of one quart (40 fluid ounces) maple syrup, or 2 lbs. maple sugar, or 12 fluid ounces maple butter. Maple wax and maple cream are not rationed. After May 31 one "D" coupon will be good for 24 ounces of maple syrup.

A farmer may use his own maple products on his own premises without surrendering coupons. He must collect coupons for all direct sales of rationed maple products off the farm, and forward coupons to his Local Ration Board.

### Mail Order Sales of Rationed Maple Products

Loose coupons must not be accepted with mail orders. In exchange for four "D" coupons a special voucher, covering purchase of one gallon of maple syrup, can be obtained from Local Ration Board. Producers cannot ship syrup unless this voucher accompanies order.

Vouchers received by producers may not be transferred, exchanged, negotiated or deposited and should be forwarded to Local Ration Boards by 10th of each month in postage-free Farmer's Envelope, RB-61, together with coupons and other valid ration documents from other maple product sales.

A producer receiving vouchers for a greater amount of maple syrup than he can ship must return unused vouchers to sender. Such unused vouchers can be converted back into preserves coupons by applying to the Local Ration Board.

### PREMIUM FOR SEED POTATOES

#### Order No. A-1129 Now in Effect.

This order continues premium prices for sale of seed potato stock in any quantity. Premium prices are based on ceiling price per pound for Canada No. 1 table stock in any zone during the period March 6 to April 2, 1944, plus:

1c. per pound for Certified Seed;
1 1/2c. per pound for Foundation A Seed;
2c. per pound for Foundation Seed.

No matter when sale is made, the premium for seed is added to ceiling prices for Canada No. 1 table stock of that variety for the March 6—April 2 period.

In the case of seed potatoes from Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick shipped to points outside of Zone 1, however, premium is added to the March 6—April 2, 1944, Montreal ceiling for Canada No. 1 grade, and Maritime shippers may add to their prices additional freight costs from Montreal to any point west of that city.

No increase in price for seed potato storage will be allowed above the March 6 price adjustment.

### POTATO STORAGE CHARGES

#### Order No. 929 Now in Effect.

This order setting the ceiling prices for table stock potatoes provides that storage charges may be added to the ceiling prices in each zone commencing January 10, 1944. Storage allowances which may be added for the period March 6 to April 2 are 20c. per 75-lb. bag; 27c. per 100-lb. bag.

### SALES OF MEAT BY FARMERS

During suspension of meat rationing, a farmer, or a person who raises livestock, can slaughter (or have slaughtered for him) without slaughtering permit, livestock raised on his own premises, for direct sale of meat to a household consumer for the consumer's household or personal consumption. Such meat need not be stamped.

A farmer cannot sell meat to any other class of buyer without a slaughtering permit.

A farmer selling beef, lamb and veal to household consumers must offer standard retail cuts and, in the case of beef, must indicate the quality—commercial, plain, cow and bull, or cutter.

A farmer can sell fresh pork in any form he chooses.

Supervisors of Public Markets will be kept informed by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board regarding legal meat prices for sale by farmers. Information also can be secured from local Board officials.

### WAR DEMAND FOR HORSEHAIR

Horsehair is urgently needed. It is used to make gun-cleaning brushes, industrial brushes for use in war plants, navy mattresses, shock pads and cushions for army trucks and aircraft. Price for good quality horsehair from mane and tail combings ranges from 30 cents to 50 cents per pound. Any wool and hide dealer will buy it.

For further details of any of the above orders apply to nearest office of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board

## Special Notice

The time and place of our ANNUAL MEETING has been decided on.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 1944

Business Session begins at 10:00 a.m.

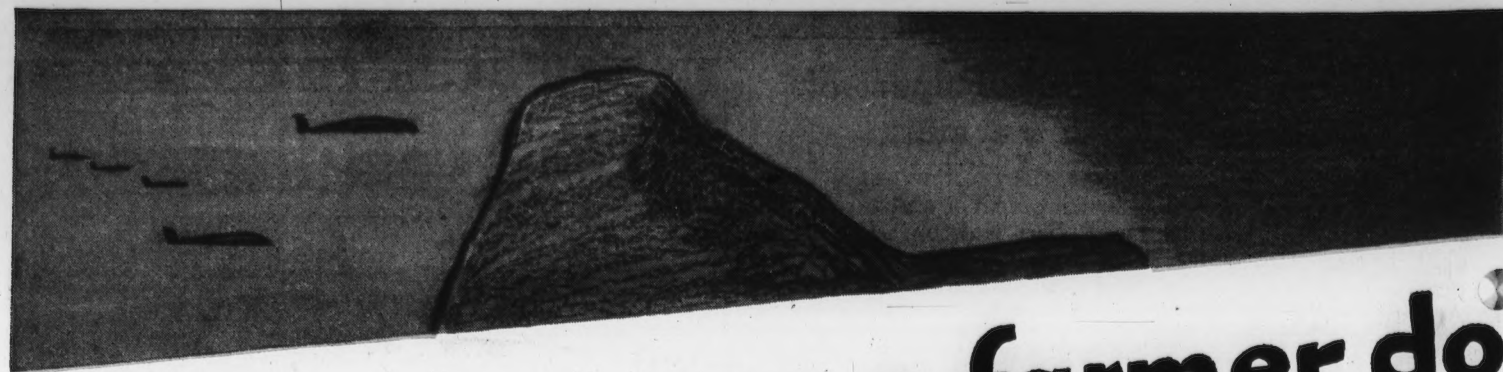
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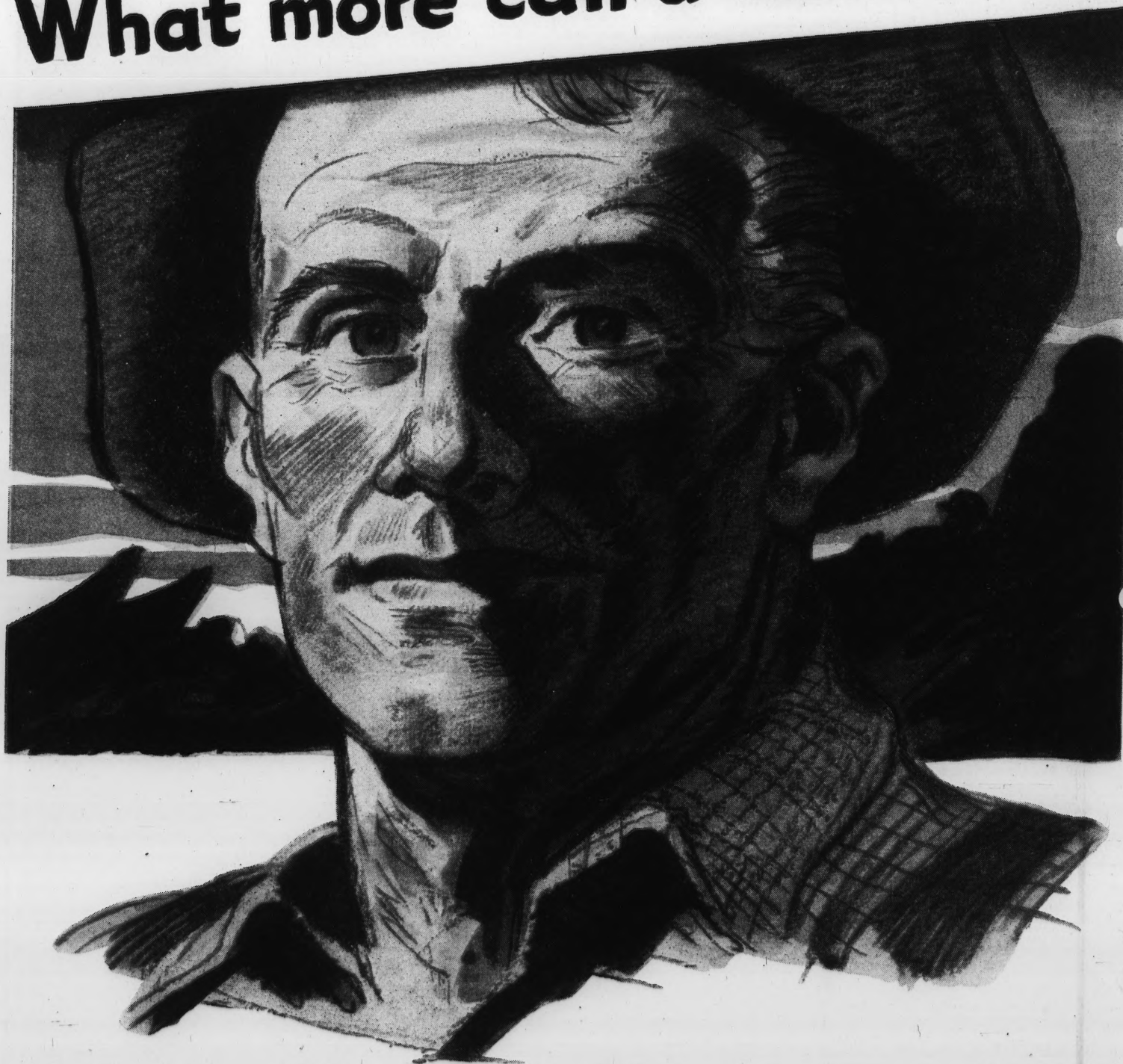
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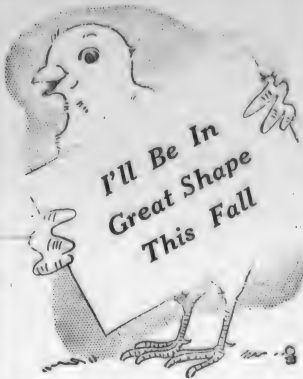
From farm and factory and office, thousands of young men have gone to battle, to make sure that our land will be kept free from the scourge of war for all time to come. They are fighting *our* battle.

Now, over there, the great fight is crashing to a climax. What can a farmer do to hasten victory?

The Canadian farmer can do a twofold job. First, he can continue to produce the food the Allies must have. Second, with the money he receives for his produce, he can purchase Victory Bonds. Then his money will work for victory, and help to buy the tools of war. It will work for the farmer too, by paying him interest every half year. It will be available later to purchase new equipment or make improvements to farm homes and buildings.

Very soon now the Sixth Victory Loan will be opened. Canadian farmers will be more eager than ever to loan their money to bring the war to a speedy end. Surely *you* will purchase bonds with every dollar you can, and so help to bring Canada's young men home again soon.

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## Interests of The United Farm Women

### AUCTION SALES

Warwick Farm,  
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Dear Farm Women:

Probably most of you, too, are interested in Auction Sales. They are usually much more "occasional" with us country people than with our city friends. One thing, we usually know, or know of the people who are having the sale we are attending, while with our city friends a sale may be quite an impersonal matter. With us, especially if "Household Goods" are on the bill, we may see some woman from Away over East, or Down South or Up North or Over West, whom we have not seen for a long time. We are most glad to see each other. Greetings are interchanged and we get caught up on the news of our respective families.

#### Changing Custom

Then there is usually a lunch served. Not so long ago, the Owner by custom supplied the coffee and sandwiches or whatever there was, free, and it was quite expected. Now, in a great many instances we note that instead of the lunch being free and his responsibility, it is taken over by some community organization and sold, the proceeds going to the Red Cross or something similar. What will be the result of this. Will there be a change of opinion regarding lunch for sales? It is always interesting to note how new customs are formed.

The sale itself may not figure very prominently in our outing, although there is always the possible chance of a bargain and what woman, or man either, can resist a bargain? Or there may be something "the very thing we have been wanting." It may be only a trifle, but we come by it. Or again we may have come with the intent of buying something that was billed. Eaton's Catalogue may have been consulted to give us some idea as to the price we should not exceed in our enthusiasm. Usually, also, there is joking and chaffing in the crowd and between the auctioneer and an occasional bidder. All in all an auction is very often to be depended on for several good laughs.

#### Owner's Side of Picture

All this is from the viewpoint of the buyer. Then there is the other side of the picture—the Owner's. Sometimes that is bright and pleasant. Possibly the sale is being held because some ambition has been realized, some hope fulfilled, some dream come true.

On other occasions it is quite different. Sometimes there is a sadness in connection with it. Husband or wife may have passed away and the other be unable to carry on as before. Or in these days the younger member of the family, who was to continue on the home place, has gone across the seas never to return, never to take up life there as had been hoped. Or it may be less sad and savor only of disappointment. The Owner may find it impossible to get necessary help; there may have been a series of ill-luck and of course there are some incompetents and a few not over-fond of work. In any case, a sale is necessary.

#### Twinges of Regret

But there are twinges when associations are severed. Sometimes the last sight of old Rosie, who carried the children to school, or even that pesky Blossom who kicked many a milk-pail, or the last look at that rocker which creaked or the table with the uneven legs, may even cause a bit of regret. And that is to say nothing of the pain of parting with things dear to the heart. But they must go.

And if the Sale means someone moving, there is the community point of view. There are those who go who are missed by only a few. There are others whose contribution to community efforts has been invaluable, and great is the regret at the loss.

So, whenever I see a Sale notice, unless I know behind the scenes as it were, I speculate as to whether it means the fulfilment of a dream or a heart-ache, whether it means a matter of almost indifference to the community or whether a great loss, whether it will be for better or for worse for all. Do you?

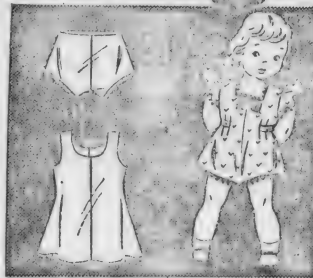
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Reporting of news items for the "newspaper" which Elmworth U.F.W.A. sends to boys from the district who are in the forces, was the most interesting part of the last meeting, declares Mrs. M. B. Pandachuk, secretary. Cotton rags, etc., are being collected for salvage.

### Farm Home and Garden

**Chocolate Cookies:** Cream 1 cup butter with 1-1/4 cups honey, add 2 tbs. cocoa, 2 eggs, 1-1/2 cups rolled oats. Add 2-1/2 cups flour sifted with 1 tsp. each baking powder and cinnamon, 1/4 tsp. soda, 1/2 tsp. salt; add 1 tsp. vanilla. Drop on greased cookie sheet, bake in moderate oven 15 minutes.

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## Bears in the National Parks

By ROBERT J. C. STEAD

The following article by the Canadian poet and author, will be found of interest and importance to readers young and adult. It was written by Mr. Stead in behalf of the National Parks Bureau.

**A**MONG the great attractions afforded by Canada's national parks is the opportunity to see wild animals in their natural surroundings, but cured of the fear of man. All national parks are wild life sanctuaries. The animals soon learn that man will not harm them, and they become very tame. Sometimes, particularly in the case of bears, this proves to be their undoing.

The public loves to feed bears, and otherwise to fraternize with them. Notices in the parks and in the parks literature asking them not to do so have little effect. Perhaps if they understood that being "kind" to a bear is the most unkind thing they can do to him, the park regulations would be better observed.

### Helped Themselves to Pie

Instances abound where bears had been petted until they became so bold and troublesome that they had to be destroyed. In Waterton Lakes National Park a mother bear and her two cubs, which had been pampered by tourists, tore the screen door off a cottage while the family were out and helped themselves to some freshly-baked pies. They also knocked over and damaged the icebox; food, glassware, and china, were destroyed. It became necessary to shoot the mother bear, and it is feared that the same treatment may yet have to be given the cubs.

In another instance two little cubs

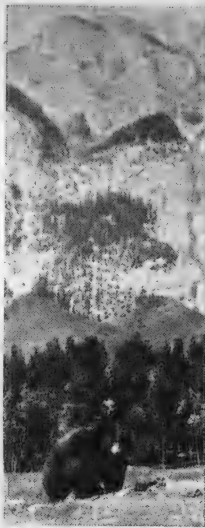


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were apparently trying to climb a tree and two little girls tried to give them a helping hand. Just then the mother bear appeared, and cuffed one of the children on the cheek with such violence that medical attention was required, and the little girl may carry a scar for life!

### Surprise

In Prince Albert National Park, in Saskatchewan, a man was about to enter his cabin when he saw the rear end of a bear protruding from the corner of the building. Realizing that the bear was eating out of the garbage can, he thought it would be a wonderful opportunity to surprise him. Thereupon he picked up a piece of 2 in. x 4 in. and, sneaking up on the bear, gave it a hefty wallop. Quick as a flash the bear whipped around and struck at his attacker, who wasn't quite quick enough in getting away. Fortunately the man lost only part of his clothing, and was able to get into the cabin before the bear could land another blow or the results might have been much more serious.

The black bear is one of the most playful and humorous of all animals, but he is still a bear. He does not seek man's company in the first place, and when it is thrust upon him, he is likely to abuse it. If he is pampered he expects more pampering. If he is given half a pie he will take the other half, if it is within the reach of his powerful paws. Then there are complaints that he has become a nuisance, and he is shot. And it really is not his fault.

Olga Altheim and Alice Galloway were chosen as president and secretary of Fort Saskatchewan Junior U.F.A., organized recently by Mrs. M. L. Stetson.

### Activities of U.F.W.A. Locals

Holding of an auction sale was one means adopted by Eclipse U.F.W.A. to aid the Red Cross.

Chemurgy was the subject of an interesting talk given by one of the members of Griffin Creek U.F.W.A. at their last meeting.

The gratifying sum of \$97.40 was added to the "War Chest" of Grand Meadow U.F.W.A. as proceeds from their Military Whist Drive.

Putting a moth ball under the cabbage root, when setting out, will keep all grubs away—this is a hint to gardeners from Balzac U.F.W.A. Plans for an oyster supper were made at the last meeting.

In aid of the Red Cross, Westlock U.F.W.A. made \$17.85 from raffle of two quilts and a cushion, and \$14.35 from a card party. A good deal of Red Cross sewing and knitting has also been done.

Following the reading of the bulletin on Horticulture, at a recent meeting of High River U.F.W.A., Mrs. Ansley

## To U.F.A. LOCALS

YOUR MEMBERSHIP CANVASS, if not already completed, should be pushed energetically in the short time now left before seeding.

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King gave an account of her experiences in growing shrubs, grasses, flowers and vegetables; and a group convened by Miss J. M. Kelly gave information on fruit growing, new vegetables, and flowers which do well in the district.

Progressive U.F.W.A. (Ponoka) recently held a joint meeting with the U.F.A. to hear Mrs. Ray Carter describe her recent trip through the Peace River country. On another occasion, Mr. West of the Lacombe Experimental Station gave a very useful talk on rearing baby chicks.

### HANDICRAFTS SCHOLARSHIP

Two scholarships valued at \$40 each are offered by the University Department of Extension to the Handicraft section of the Banff School of Fine Arts. These scholarships, which will assist the recipient to attend the 1944 session of the school (to be held July 26th to August 26th), will be awarded on the basis of the highest number of points received for a piece of original work in weaving or needlework and of rating on ability to impart instruction gained at the school to others. Those interested should write to Donald Cameron, M.Sc., Director Department Extension, University of Alberta, Edmonton.

### To Obtain Early Crop

Sprouting of potatoes, particularly early varieties like Irish Cobbler, is recommended by the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, as an aid in obtaining an early crop. The tubers should be disinfected, then placed in shallow boxes, bud ends up, in a room with a temperature of 55 to 60 degrees. Green healthy sprouts will develop in four to five weeks, and the seed can be planted when the ground is warm enough.

Sweden's 706 co-operative societies, with 736,508 members do an annual retail business of over \$200,000,000.

## WarHeroes



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### OTTAWA LETTER

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#### Steel for Farm Machinery

In relation to the farm implement situation, Mr. Howe, Minister of Munitions and Supply, has told the House that in 1939 the steel used by implement manufacturers amounted to 30,150 tons, and that for the year 1944-45 the Department has arranged to release 81,750 tons of steel, an increase of 271 per cent. It was at the same time pointed out by other members that shortages still exist in malleable castings, ball and roller bearings and in seasoned fir and oak needed in the manufacture of farm machines. It was further stated that prices of farm implements and repair parts have been frozen since October, 1941, at prices then existing, and that the index of existing prices shows an increase of 3.9 per cent over the 1926-29 average. Farm products prices at the same time have increased 63.0

### Pays Off Investment in Seventeen Months

Not only has the co-op feed mill at Reading, Ohio, supplied a useful service to the farmer members of the three regional co-operatives which established it, but it has paid off its entire investment of \$650,000 in 17 months. Feed was supplied at market prices.

Trucks may carry passengers in their cabs while operating for the transportation of goods; but may not be used, according to W.P.T.B. regulations, for the sole purpose of carrying passengers to places of recreation or entertainment. Special provision allows the use of trucks to convey persons to and from religious ceremonies, and to move sick persons. Many permits have also been granted for the use of trucks for essential purposes, such as shopping, in the absence of other means of transportation.

per cent. Approximately 80 per cent of the tonnage of farm implements released in the years 1940 and 1941 will be available during the calendar year 1944. The percentage for repair parts will be 78.

#### Would Improve Wool Fibre

The Department of Agriculture is trying to encourage sheep farmers to improve the quality of their wool so that it will hold its own in competition with different kinds of synthetic fibres. After the war it is believed that there will be sharply increased competition not only from these synthetic fibres from soya beans, casein and other materials, but also from New Zealand and Australian wool.

The Department officials are urging that sheep men try to get more uniformity in the quality of their wool and keep the wool free from dirt. The animals should be kept free from contact with chaff for example, and folding should be done with the fleeces inside. In regard to fibres coming into competition with wool, it is pointed out that some synthetic fibres are as much as ten times stronger than wool, and that nylon is elastic, resilient and resists abrasives. The research laboratories have made extensive studies of the properties of these fibres and have reported on this matter.

With the coming of spring the authorities here are again urging the spread of wartime gardens, which they say fill a genuine need in the war period. The production of these gardens takes a load off railway and truck transportation and releases farm products for canning and dehydration plants. The gardens, it is acknowledged, have suffered a great deal from insect pests, but a new booklet has been issued on wartime gardening which gives instruction on how to deal with these pests.

### The Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,  
Superintendent of Publicity,  
Alberta Wheat Pool

The weather in North America is the main governing factor in the wheat situation at the present time. Seeding will start shortly in the prairie regions of Western Canada where 90 to 95 per cent of the Dominion's wheat production comes from. After an unusually dry autumn and winter moisture reserves on the prairies are extremely limited. Authorities agree that rainfall during May, June, and the first half of July will have to be abnormally heavy to produce a good crop. Prairie weather is always unpredictable and hopes are based on a rainy spring.

Reports from the U.S. main winter wheat belt indicate the wheat crop has made a good comeback after a prolonged autumnal and winter drought. Widespread rains have been experienced in recent weeks and at least a normal crop is looked for. A lot depends on weather developments over the next eight weeks.

The demand for grain for livestock feeding in the United States is very insistent. Up to the end of March U.S. livestock feeders were drawing on Canadian wheat supplies at the rate of about 15 million bushels a month. If this rate is continued some 180 million bushels of Canadian wheat will go to the United States this crop year.

#### Exceeds Human Consumption

The livestock population of the United States is at a record peak. At the commencement of the present year it was about 10 per cent above the figures of the year previous. Consumption of wheat by livestock on the North American continent is now exceeding wheat consumption by human beings. The present fear is that a bad grain crop on this continent this year will result in an overwhelming rush to market livestock.

While world wheat supplies are diminishing, yet stocks in 1944, as pointed out by the Food Research Institute of Stanford University, will be abnormally large and concentrated in Canada, Argentina, and Australia. That authority also pointed out that the world as a whole, exclusive of Russia and China, has quite substantial supplies of wheat. If it were not for the diversion of wheat to livestock consumption, alcohol manufacturing, and fuel, supplies would be at a record peak.

In Canada the disappearance of piled up wheat surpluses is being viewed with satisfaction. The Federal Bureau of Statistics, Agricultural Branch, tentatively estimates the year-end surplus at 400 million bushels, down 201 million bushels from the previous year. That carryover alone exceeds the largest Canadian wheat crop produced during World War I. However, Canada needs good grain crops this year because of the increased numbers of livestock and the fact that stored up farm surpluses may be depleted by mid-summer.

### The Dairy Market

Prices are all unchanged at 35 cents for first grade prints and 32 plus 10 cents for butterfat locally and all outside points at the maximum of 35 cents. During the month of February Alberta manufactured 1,784,111 pounds of butter as compared with 1,901,742 pounds for the same month last year, showing a 6.2 per cent decrease. During the week ending March 25th, Alberta creameries received 457,835 pounds of butterfat as compared with 458,308 pounds for the same week last year or a decrease of .1 per cent.

Vancouver solids remain at the maximum—35 cents.

Farmers and farm workers now employed in meat packing plants and lumber camps must return to farms by April 15th.

### Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, April 4th.—The cattle market has been steady during the week. Good to choice butcher steers are \$11 to \$11.50, common to medium \$8.50 to \$10.50; good to choice butcher heifers \$10.25 to \$11, common to medium \$8 to \$10; good cows \$7.75 to \$8.25, common to medium \$6 to \$7.50, canners and cutters \$3.50 to \$5.50; good bulls \$7 to \$7.50, common to medium \$5.50 to \$6.50; good to choice veal calves \$12 to \$13, common to medium \$9 to \$11.50. B1 hogs are \$15.95 yards and plants, sows \$9 to \$9.10 liveweight.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, April 4th.—Prices are steady with trading fairly active. Good to choice fed calves are \$11 to \$11.50; good to choice steers \$10.75 to \$11.50, common to medium \$6.50 to \$10.50; good to choice heifers \$10 to \$10.50, good to choice light cows \$7.50 to \$8, common to medium \$4.50 to \$7; canners and cutters \$3.50 to \$4.50 and bulls \$5 to \$7. Stocker and feeder steers are \$8.50 to \$9.50, heifers \$8 down and cows \$7 down. Basic price on hogs for coast shipment is \$16.15, locals and plants \$15.85 plus premium \$3 on A and \$2 on B1. Sows are \$9.25 liveweight, \$11.25 dressed; feeders \$12 to \$14. Good to choice handweight lambs are \$10.50 to \$11.50, yearlings \$6 down and good light ewes \$5 down.

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as fat cattle and lambs are concerned, has improved.

The committee was unable to find common ground with the authorities concerning floor prices for cattle in relation to floors for dressed beef. The problem here, as the committee point out, is in connection with the establishing of dressing percentages and killing credits. Buying of beef for government account is not undertaken except at prices slightly below the floors. The importance of a clear understanding of these, therefore, is obvious. The committee, it appears, made some progress toward bringing about this clear understanding.

#### Position Taken by Minister

Position taken by the Minister of Agriculture in connection with exports of live cattle to the United States, according to the committee is, that under lend-lease arrangements, it would be embarrassing to the American government to let Canadian cattle onto the United States market while the American people are under meat rationing, and, at the same time, their government is sending beef to Britain on a lend-lease basis. The United States authorities, it appears, hold it is Canada's duty to lend-lease its own surplus meats direct to Britain. Exports by Canada now might result in prohibitive action which could nullify future negotiations, the Minister held.

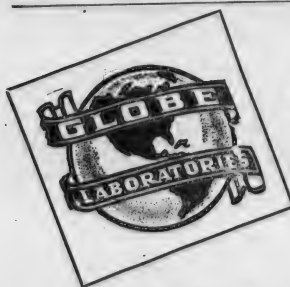
The committee, on the other hand, took the position that Canadian grains are being exported to relieve a feed shortage in the United States; probably Canadian surplus cattle could also be exported south to relieve the present packing house congestion here.

#### May Hear More of This

The committee suggested export of live cattle to some of the Western States for slaughter, and the lifting of a corresponding tonnage of beef at Eastern United States points for shipment to Britain on Canada's lend-lease account. This appears a practical recommendation. We may hear more of it.

While it may seem to the members of the committee, and to those they represented in their discussions in the East, that little was accomplished during their visit, this is probably an under-estimate. Certainly they impressed upon the authorities the fact that a serious situation recently existed and may recur; more likely than not we shall see some changes of policy which will safeguard producers' interests in the future much more fully than they have been protected during recent months.

(Veterinary Answers held over.)



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## WAR DIARY

**Mar. 16th.**—R.A.F., with record force of R.C.A.F., attacks Stuttgart, Munich, Amiens; Sofia bombed from Italy. U.S. airmen shoot down 125 Nazi planes over south-west Germany.

**Mar. 17th.**—Allies score gains on Monastery Hill and in Cassino. Tire factory near Vichy, Amiens, Vienna, targets Allied bombers. Nazis raid London. Americans land on Manus, in Admiralty group. Russians take Dubno, 80 miles from Lwow.

**Mar. 18th.**—Zhmerinka captured by Russians. Allies continue air offensive against Germany. Enemy lines at Anzio heavily bombed, 125 Nazi planes downed. Allied air-borne troops establish base behind Jap lines in Burma.

**Mar. 19th.**—Russians cross Dneister on 31-mile front. Germans almost driven out of Cassino. Occupation of Admiralties completed. Jap columns said near Indian border. Five sloops of Royal Navy sank 6 enemy submarines in 20 days, is announced.

**Mar. 20th.**—Germans regain some positions at Cassino. Russians take Vinnitsa, advance in Bessarabia. Enemy aircraft downed last week total 479, against Allied loss of 195. Crerar succeeds McNaughton. Former Vichy minister Pucheu executed in Algiers.

**Mar. 21st.**—Germans seize control Hungary. Finns reject Russian peace terms. Allied day and night air offensive against Germany in seventh day. Russians near Prut river, Rumanian border. Britain gets 38 aircraft carriers, from U.S. under lease, is announced.

**Mar. 22nd.**—1,500 U.S. bombers hammer Berlin. Russians take Pervomaisk, near Nikolaev. Hard fighting in Cassino. U.S. fleet shells Kavieng, on New Ireland.

**Mar. 23rd.**—R.A.F. raids Frankfurt, U.S. bombers follow with blows against Brunswick area. Jap columns threaten Imphal, India, from south and east. Hitler sets up Quisling government in Hungary.

**Mar. 24th.**—U.S. heavy air blows on Schweinfurt, Frankfurt follow R.A.F. R.C.A.F. raids on French objectives. German troops occupy Rumania, says Ankara report. Jap ships sunk or damaged by U.S. submarines now total 653, Washington announces.

**Mar. 25th.**—R.A.F. again bombs Berlin, 73 planes lost. Jap drive into India said halted.

**Mar. 26th.**—Russians reach Prut river. Allied air blows fall on Cherbourg, Aulnoye, Calais and Lyons areas. Germans use tanks in Cassino. British Commando force nears Jap base of Myitkyina, in Burma. Hour of greatest effort is coming for Allies, says Churchill.

**Mar. 27th.**—Large R.A.F., R.C.A.F. force attacks Essen, 9 bombers lost. Swiss report says Nazis have shot 320 Italian hostages. Admiralty asks yachtsmen, sailors of small boats, to hold themselves in readiness for "tours of duty".

**Mar. 28th.**—Russians capture Nicolaev. U.S. bombers smash German airfields in France; R.A.F., R.C.A.F. hit Ruhr objectives. Cassino deadlock continues.

**Mar. 29th.**—Russians advance towards Odessa; cross Prut river; take Kolomea, 30 miles from Czechoslovakia border. Allied reinforcements reach Anzio, says Paris radio.

**Mar. 30th.**—Czernowitz, capital of Bucovina, falls to Russian army. Allies bombers attack widespread targets in France, Germany. Japs gain in push into India; further north, Allied forces push towards Jap bases in Burma. Finns ask further peace negotiations, says Swedish report.

**Mar. 31st.**—Nuremberg hard hit by R.A.F., R.C.A.F., 96 planes lost in costliest single operation. Nazis regain hill positions at Cassino. U.S. warships attack Jap base at Palau, 600 miles from Philippines. Russians take Ochakov, on Black Sea. Japs

## Sees Wheat Syrup Production as New Industry for West

WINNIPEG, April 4th.—Announcement that "a process has been perfected for the manufacture of syrup from wheat", which "offers distinct possibilities for new industries in Western Canada and would result in a new market for wheat", was made by Cecil Lamont, vice-president of the North-West Line Elevators Association, on his return yesterday from the annual conference of the United States Farm Chemurgic Council at St. Louis, Mo. Leaders in agriculture, industry and science from the U.S.A., Canada, South America and China attended.

Pointing out that manufacture of syrup from wheat at the rate of 1,000,000 pounds per month is under way as a result of the development of the process at the United States Government's northern research laboratory at Peoria, Ill.; that its taste and quality equal that of corn syrup, and that it is being manufactured in a sugar beet plant, Mr. Lamont saw distinct possibilities for Western Canada in this field. There are three beet sugar plants in the West (two in Alberta), and two in Ontario.

### Could Use Sugar Beet Plants

"These operate only from three to four months of the year in processing sugar beets," he said. "With slight adjustments they could engage in manufacturing wheat syrup for the remaining eight months of the year. They could produce upwards of 60,000,000 pounds of wheat syrup annually."

Mr. Lamont was informed that 100,000,000 bushels of wheat will be used in the U.S. for the manufacture of alcohol for war purposes this year. Such usage for the past 18 months had done much to strengthen the price of wheat. He pointed out that since 1938 the association he heads has been urging intensified research into industrial uses for farm products and establishment of a Western division of the National Research Council. In the U.S. Federal, State and Industrial research organizations are spending upwards of \$400,000,000 a year on research.

Those attending the conference learned of immense development in production of Penicillin. The U.S. government has 300 scientists at work, searching for methods of increasing its production. They learned that plastics can be made from virtually every type of farm wastes, including straw and egg shells.

take Tiddim, south of Imphal. Moscow announces Japs have agreed to return oil, coal concessions in Sakhalin (held under treaty to expire in 1970).

**Apr. 1st.**—Berlin says Russian columns near Jablonica Pass, leading to Czechoslovakia. Allies occupy mountain northeast of Cassino. Japs drive towards Imphal. R.A.F. Mosquitoes raid West German objectives without loss. During U.S. air raid on south-west Germany, Swiss town bombed by mistake. Irish Republican Army planned co-operation with Nazis, British Commons told.

**Apr. 2nd.**—Russians cross Prut in several places; reach point 19 miles from Odessa. Italians fighting with Allies take second mountain peak near Cassino. U.S. bombers, based in Italy, bomb Spehr, Austria. R.A.F. hits German towns. Finns considering new Russia peace offer, Stockholm reports. British commandos cut main Jap supply line to northern Burma. Moscow announces invasion Rumania not for purpose of seizing territory, nor changing social order of Rumania.

**Apr. 3rd.**—Tirpitz has been hit by naval bombers, Admiralty announces. Enemy forces collapsing on 400-mile front, says Moscow; 183,310 Germans killed, 24,950 taken prisoner, in 28 days. U.S. bombers raid Budapest, from Italy; French naval unit destroys enemy convoy in Adriatic. Italians occupy third peak north-east Cassino. Truk bombed eight times in four days, says Pearl Harbor report.



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### New Records by C.N.R.

New records were set up by the Canadian National Railways last year, both in gross earnings and in net revenue, it was shown by annual reports tabled in the House of Commons. The latter total was upwards of \$116,140,285; from this and from other income, nearly \$31,000,000 was paid in interest on funded debt held by the public, over \$18,000,000 in interest on loans from the Government, over \$8,000,000 in taxes, and \$19,000,000 for the creation of a pension reserve. The total funded debt outstanding was reduced during the year by nearly \$65,000,000, but still stands at the enormous figure of over \$744,000,000.

### New Paper Attacks "Bloc"

Making a front page attack on the Bloc Populaire, which it declares is too narrow and preaches only a racial doctrine, the first issue of a new monthly, *Le Canada Nouveau*, published during March by the C.C.F. in the French language in Montreal, charges that "the Bloc is financed by a group of French-Canadian capitalists."

**Apr. 4th.**—Russians now 15 miles beyond Rumanian border; Moscow radio calls on Rumanian people to break with Germans. U.S. bombers raid Bucharest; Budapest bombed, second time in few hours. U.S. complete occupation Marshalls.

Unpaid balances of 1943 income tax may be postponed to August 31st, without payment of interest, it has been announced from Ottawa, but returns must be filed by April 30th as usual.

### Declares People Prefer Private Companies

State operation of life assurance has been tried in various countries without success, declared Arthur B. Wood, president of Sun Life of Canada, in addressing the company's 73rd annual meeting. In open competition, he said, the people's choice is with the private companies. Since its organization Sun Life had paid out \$1,629,000,000 to policyholders and beneficiaries; assurance now in force in the company totals \$3,173,000,000.

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# Wheat Pool Reserves Purchase

The Alberta Wheat Pool has issued cheques totalling \$382,000 to holders of Elevator and Commercial Reserves, this payment covering the redemption of 5 per cent of those Reserves.

At the annual meeting of the Alberta Wheat Pool delegates held on December 1st, 1941, the Board of Directors was authorized to apply to the Provincial Legislature for the right to purchase rateably from the members up to 15 per cent of the Elevator and Commercial Reserve Deductions accumulated under their First and Second Series Marketing Agreements. The necessary legislation was passed on March 19th, 1942, and on April 15th of that year 5 per cent of the Reserves were redeemed. A further purchase of 5 per cent of the balance of Reserves was completed on April 1st, 1943. The present payment brings total purchase of Commercial and Elevator Reserves to \$1,207,724.35, being the approximate total amount of Reserves which the Alberta Wheat Pool is permitted to purchase under the legislation referred to.

A reissue of Elevator Reserves totalling approximately \$256,725 was made to the Pool elevator patrons who delivered grain in the crop year 1940-41. The balance of the Reserves which were redeemed, approximating \$951,000, are now held by the Alberta Wheat Pool in trust for its members to be dealt with as may be directed by the delegates. The Alberta Wheat Pool is not permitted to purchase Reserves at the present time from any individual in excess of the three payments as authorized for the years 1942, 1943 and 1944.

In making the present payment to Reserve holders no distribution is being made to those whose equity in Reserves would thereby be reduced to less than \$5.00 nor to members holding less than \$5.00 in these Reserves; nor is any purchase being made at this time of the Elevator Reserves credited to member patrons in the year 1940-41 as part of the refund of excess charges was patronage dividend paid that year.

Last year, according to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Consolidated Aircraft's profits, before taxation, were 578 per cent of its net worth; after paying taxes profits of 117 per cent were left. In other words, its entire investment was recovered in a single year.

## The Western Farm Leader LEGAL DEPARTMENT

By HON. J. E. BROWNLEE,  
K.C., LL.D.

(Any paid-up subscriber may submit a legal question, to be answered free in this section, but not by mail.)

### Replies to Enquiries

#### Proof of Loan

**Rancher.**—It would seem to me that the cancelled cheque plus your own evidence would be sufficient proof of the loan and that you should have no difficulty proving your claim.

#### Answer Depends On Whether Will Made

**G.G.M.**—An answer to your question can only be given if one knows whether or not there is a Will. The usual practice is for a person out of the Province to give a Power of Attorney to someone in the Province to make application for Letters of Administration. The only thing a person can do in the meantime is to make some disposition of his property in this Province which would make it unnecessary to take out Letters Probate or Letters of Administration.

Highest fine of last week, for infractions of W.P.T.B. regulations, was \$2,000 levied against an oil refining company in St. Catharines.

## University Radio Programs

### CKUA Schedule

(580 Kilocycles)

**APRIL 7th to APRIL 21st**  
**Sunday:** 12:00, CBC News; 12:04, CBC Washington Commentary; 12:15, CBC Anzac News Letter; 12:30, CBC Religious Period; 1:00, CBC New York Philharmonic; 2:30, CBC Church of the Air; 3:00, CBC News; 3:03, Sign Off.

#### REPEATING FEATURES

**Monday through Friday:** 10:58, Sign On; 11:45, Luncheon Melodies; 12:00, CBC News; 12:15, Midday Melodies; 12:30, CBC Prairie Farm Broadcast; 1:00, Music Lovers' Corner; 3:30, Shilket Conducts; 5:30, CBC News and Interlude; 5:45, CBC News Round-up; 8:00, CBC News.

#### NON-REPEATING FEATURES

**Monday:** 11:00, Piano Reveries; 11:15, Concert Hall; 2:00, Home and Country; 2:30, Intermediate School Music; 3:00, Invitation to the Waltz; 3:15, CBC Songs for You; 4:00, Tenor and Baritone; 4:15, CBC Mirror for Women; 4:30, Your Home and You; 4:45, Masters of the Piano; 5:00, CBC Songs by Jules Jacob; 6:00, Dinner Music; 6:15, Community League; 6:30, CBC Prairie Farm Broadcast; 6:45, Curfew; 7:00, Evening Symphony; 8:15, Spirit of Norway; 8:30, CBC "U.N.R.R.A."; 9:00, Evening Music; 9:15, Alberta Farm & Home Forum (CKUA-CFCN); 9:30, French I & II Correspondence; 10:00, Sign Off and Finish.

**Tuesday:** 11:00, Vocal Gems; 11:15, Serenade for Strings; 2:00, Gems of Melody; 2:30, Overtures; 2:45, Siesta; 3:15, CBC Songs for You; 4:00, The Music Shelf; 4:15, CBC Headline History; 4:30, Book Chat; 4:45, Light Opera Parade; 5:00, CBC Gaelic Hour; 6:00, Hits from the Shows; 6:30, Alberta Adult Education; 6:45, Musical Interlude; 7:00, CBC Toronto Symphony; 8:15, Nationals Program; 8:30, Evening Music; 8:45, Melodies Moderne; 9:00, CBC Of Things to Come; 9:30, CBC Drama; 10:00, Sign Off and Finish.

**Wednesday:** 11:00, Piano Reveries; 11:15, Variety Time; 2:00, Gems of Melody; 2:30, Dramatization; 3:00, In Military Mood; 3:15, CBC Songs for You; 4:00, Tenor and Baritone; 4:15, CBC Homemaker's Program; 4:30, Your Health; 4:45, Violin Virtuosi; 5:00, CBC Rendezvous with Rhythm; 5:15, CBC Headquaters Report; 6:00, Dinner Music; 6:15, Week-end Review; 6:30, CBC Peter and the Pygmies; 6:45, Educational Forum; 7:00, Evening Symphony; 8:15, Consumers' League; 8:30, CBC Victory Loans; 9:30, French I & II Correspondence; 10:00, Sign Off.

**Thursday:** 11:00, Vocal Gems; 11:45, Serenade for Strings; 2:00, Gems of Melody; 2:30, Elementary School Music; 3:00, Invitation to the Waltz; 3:15, CBC Songs for You; 4:00, The Music Shelf; 4:15, CBC Headline History; 4:30, Concert in Miniature; 5:00, CBC Songs by Joan Ryan; 6:00, Dinner Music; 6:15, Sunset Sonata; 6:30, Fairy Tales; 6:45, These Make History; 7:00, Evening Symphony; 8:15, Chats to Farm People; 8:30, Choose Your World; 8:45, Music to Remember; 9:00, CBC Drama; 9:30, French Adult Education; 10:00, Sign Off and Finish.

**Friday:** 11:00, Piano Reveries; 11:15, Concert Hall; 1:00, Music Lovers' Corner; 2:00, Gems of Melody; 2:30, Overtures; 2:45, Siesta; 3:00, CBC National School Broadcast; 4:00, Tenor and Baritone; 4:15, CBC Prairie Comments; 4:30, Women on the Air; 4:45, Band Entertainers; 5:00, CBC Sonnetette; 6:00, Hits from the Shows; 6:30, Al Goodman; 6:45, Alberta—Its Stories and History; 7:00, Symphony Hour Requests; 8:15, Emile Cote; 8:30, Musicale; 9:00, French III Correspondence; 9:15, Alberta Farm & Home Forum (CKUA-CFCN); 9:30, CBC Music from the Pacific; 10:00, Sign Off and Finish.

**Saturday:** 10:55, Sign On; 11:00, Boy Scouts; 11:15, Serenade for Strings; 11:30, Junior Farm Forum; 11:45, CBC News; 12:00, CBC Metropolitan Opera; 3:00, Sign Off and Finish.

### C.B.C. Farm Broadcasts

Following the April 3rd broadcast on "U.N.R.R.A." the new summer series of the C.B.C.'s farm broadcasts department will continue on April 10th with a talk on "Co-op. Pioneers", by William Holt, himself a descendant of one of the original Rochdale pioneers. On April 17th O. J. W. Shugg will give the first of a monthly series entitled "From a Farmer's Bookshelf" and on April 24th Hugh Boyd, C.B.C. Prairie Farm Commentator, will speak on "The Bonds We Buy". These talks will be broadcast from Winnipeg at 8:30 p.m. M.D.T.

### Seed Growers Meet in June

The annual meeting of the Canadian Seed Growers Association will be held at the Bessborough Hotel, Saskatoon, June 20th and 21st.

During suspension of meat rationing a farmer can slaughter, without permit, livestock raised on his own premises for direct sale to a household consumer; for sale to any other class of buyer a slaughtering permit must be secured.

## Co-op Wool Growers Last Year Handled Record Wool Volume

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TORONTO, Ont.—A total of 25,000 wool growers, from Vancouver Island to Cape Breton, are now using the facilities of the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers, Limited, last year contributing the largest volume of wool ever handled by the organization, it was reported at the 26th annual meeting held here recently.

While prices remained unchanged during the year, officials expressed the opinion that sales indications were that prices for Canadian graded wools are fully as high or higher than could have been realized in open markets. Climatic conditions last year were favorable to the production of a sound clip, with better than average clean wool content, so that average farm prices throughout Canada averaged 27.2 cents per greasy pound as compared with 25.5 in 1942.

Chris Jensen, Magrath, was re-elected president.

Following representations of the organization, a bonus was offered of .4 cents per pound on clips properly grown and prepared at the source. Reports showed that assistance had been given in securing more ammunition to combat predatory animals in the West; in securing leave for men in the Armed Forces qualified to assist with lambing and shearing; and in obtaining adjustment of the lamb price schedule with a view to eliminating the severe price reduction in the late summer. Some \$80,000 worth of stockmen's supplies were distributed.

Horsehair is urgently needed in war work—for making brushes used in cleaning guns, for stuffing pads and cushions for army tanks and aircraft, for navy mattresses, and for other purposes. Farmers are urged to save horsehair and sell it to dealers, thus starting it on its way to help wage war.

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SET UP as a purchasing agency for Locals of the United Farmers of Alberta in 1932, this co-operative organization has grown steadily until its branches and agencies are found in about one hundred and thirty Alberta communities.

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Basically it is a farm supplies co-operative, designed by the officers and management to meet the needs of the farmer as farm operator, rather than as a householder; but it meets all needs as it expands.

Distribution of gasoline, tractor fuels, motor oils and other lubricants is still the major activity of the Co-operative. More than five million gallons of these products supplied by Maple Leaf Petroleum Ltd., have been distributed each year during the war. Expansion is now prohibited by wartime controls.

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In past years many U.F.A. Locals organized co-operative stores. Some succeeded and some failed. Since 1940 U.F.A. Central has gone into the field of general merchandise and opened stores at Calgary, Medicine Hat, Drumheller, Chinook and Oyen. These are supervised and close contacts maintained with local officials and members. The aggregate business in general merchandise exceeded \$550,000.00 in 1943.

Since 1932 more than \$200,000.00 has been declared in patronage dividends to members and affiliated co-operatives. Until 1942 these dividends were paid in cash. In the past two years, under direction of the Annual Convention of the U.F.A., a Deferred Dividend Plan has been set up to enable the Co-op Board to finance expansion.

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For the year ending Oct. 31st, 1943, a dividend of five per cent was declared by the Board. Participation certificates are now being prepared and will be mailed shortly to all member-patrons. The amount being distributed is approximately \$75,000.

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## MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!—

Wonder if those Ottawa dollar-a-year men have much trouble making out their income tax returns.

Now that the liquor question has been thrown back into politics, G.B.T. of Vancouver is puzzled whether when the ballots are counted, the dries will be all wet or if the wets will need an umbrella.

And the Bad Egg of Crow's Nest suggests that as the traffic in liquor permits has become so heavy it might be as well for the government to issue them instead of war bonds.

Likewise Cynical Gus opines that the Provincial Liquor Control Board should be prosecuted for running a lottery. Yep, sez he, they sell tickets at 50 cents apiece and if you're lucky you win a mickey of Scotch or a case of beer.

### ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

The guy who is always blaming somebody else is the one who usually fails.

We read that one of the earliest baby formulas was bread boiled in beer and honey. Ah, well, from what we hear the kids are still getting liquor permits even in these days.

It all comes back to me now, as the skunk said when the wind changed.

Postcard from Nan of Nanton tells us that she now knows why they call Calgary cowtown. Says she, it's because on the Bowness street car line they provide cattle trucks with seats in 'em.

Tut, tut, Nan them's not cattle trucks, them's street cars.

### MOTHERS

*Mothers are the queerest things:*

*'Member when John went away*

*All but mother cried and cried*

*When they said good-by that*

*day.*

*She just talked and seemed to be*

*Not the slightest bit upset—*

*Was the only one who smiled;*

*Others eyes were streaming wet.*

*But when John came back again*

*On a furlough, safe and sound,*

*With a medal for his deeds,*

*And without a single wound,*

*While the rest of us hurraed,*

*Laughed and joked and danced*

*about,*

*Mother kissed him, then she cried—*

*Cried and cried like all git out.*

—Edwin L. Sabin.

They can pinch you for tipping the waiter in Iowa, according to a law passed in 1915. Sophisticated Sally, waitress at the Greasy Spoon, says a lot of Calgarians must have been born there.

### SO DO OTHERS

Knotty Frankie wonders when peace comes what excuse the politicians will think up when they haven't a war upon which to blame things.

One of the most noticeable shortages in a lot of retail stores these days is "service with a smile".

### INFORMATION DEPT.

Dear Musty: Please tell me should a gent walk on the inside or outside of the sidewalk when escorting a lady? —Alphonse J.

My dear Alphonse, when down town in the shopping district, if he's smart he'll walk on the inside.

### SO SORRY, PLEASE

Sign in a San Francisco store: "Complaint Dept.—Closed for the

Duration on account of labor shortage."

Nunno, Algeron, certainly not, Catherine Goldsmith, C.W.A.C., is not Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp. We never have such luck as that.

Just the same, here's a whole flock of orchids to the lassie; her Diary of a Guppy is the fishes' fins, all right.

News item says Chinese co-ops made 700,000 blankets on hand looms. last year. Yep, but they've put a lot more Japs to sleep than that.

A pessimist, says Chuck of Chuchawalla, is a guy who takes a can opener and a tin of sardines on a fishing trip.

### NOW WE SHAN'T BE LONG!

## Usually Soft-Pedal Britain's Efforts but Workman Speaks Out

John Jones of Lancashire Wins Fame by Candid New York Press Interview

A British workman, John Jones, recently inspired the leading editorial of the *Evening News* of London, England, when the nature of an interview he had given in New York about the unknown men and women of Britain became known to the public. The editorial follows:

Four ordinary British workmen stepped ashore at New York yesterday to begin a tour of American factories. One of them was John Henry Jones, a middle-aged man from Lancashire. He was their spokesman when the New York newspapermen interviewed them, and he said in his broad accent:

"We are thankful to America for the help she has given us, but when the history of this war comes to be written, long after you and I have passed on, it must record that Britain stood alone as a bulwark for the world against Fascism."

It seems that the newspapermen gasped when he said that, because they had become used to Britons soft-peddling Britain's part in the war.

But John Jones is right. Why should we soft-pedal?

The people of this little island, which three years ago was solitary on the edge of Hitler's Europe, have done things as great as any of their Allies, and when it comes to talking about them the candour of John Jones is better than all the smooth phrases of the Good-Will Missions.

### Plain Story of Four Years

We shrug deprecatingly among ourselves, for that is our way, and we understand each other. But other people may not understand. They take the shrug for the deed.

So it is good to see John Jones standing four-square on his Lancashire feet and telling the plain story of four years of incessant labor, of winter after winter in the black-out, of deadly perils faced and overcome, of scattered families and broken homes, of monotonous food transformed into meals by the patient millions of our women.

Our women? John Jones is forthright about them. He says they deserve a decoration as honourable as the Victoria Cross. "They have worked in our factories and they have kept our homes going," he says. "They are the best people we have."

John Jones is no orator, and does not pretend to be one. But when he sets out on his American travels with his three work-mates he speaks for the ordinary, unknown men and women of Britain. "Ours is a small island compared with this big continent," he said yesterday, "but we think it is big."

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Interest charges paid by the Federal Government in 1943 amounted to 5.5 per cent of the total budget, and 11 per cent of the total tax levy.

The co-operative society of Nottingham, England, plans to build a new village of 500 houses on a hundred acres of land in the district, immediately after the war. Heat and hot water will be supplied from a central boiler house.

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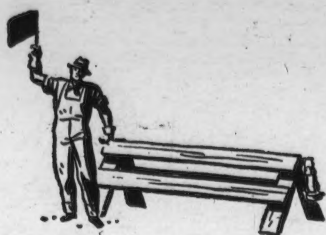
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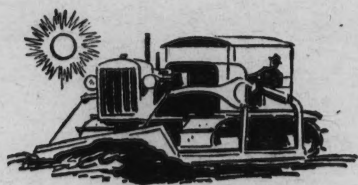
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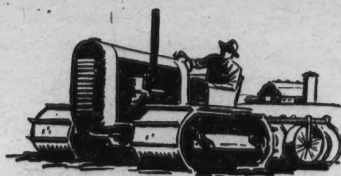
Red Line Tractor Lubricant is thick enough so that it won't leak out in hot weather—yet is thin enough so

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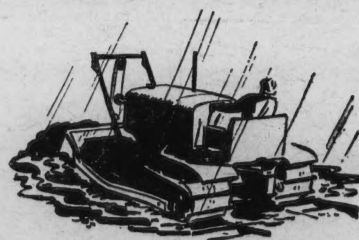
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